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## Wolfe's Tavern

### **Architectural Survey File**

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Ca. 1800

Wolfe's Tavern

Thurmont vicinity, Maryland

Private

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**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-57

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Wolfe's Tavern

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Southside of Manahan Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Foxville \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture ___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military ___ other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Peter F. & Susan A. Fedak

street & number 6403 Tilden Lane telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code Md. 20852

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1104

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 116

city, town Frederick state Md.

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Frederick County Survey - Brinkman

date 1969 \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county ☒ local

depository for survey records Frederick County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

city, town Frederick state Md.

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. F-6-57

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-6-57

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.

Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858

Survey Form, F-10-236, Carlton Brown, 1969.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 30 acres

Quadrangle name Blue Ridge Summit MD.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 18  
Parcel 40

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May, 1991

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick, state Maryland

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Wolfe's Tavern  
Thurmont  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Economic (Commercial & Industrial)

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Commerce/Trade/restaurant/tavern  
Agricultural/Subsistence/animal facility/barn, chicken coop,  
sheds

Known Design Source: None

### 7.1 Description

Wolfe's Tavern is located at the intersection of Foxville-Deerfield Road and Manahan Road in the vicinity of Thurmont, Maryland. The two story building faces west with a principal gable running north to south. Agricultural outbuildings include a bank barn, a chicken coop and two concrete block sheds located to the north of the house.

**Dwelling House/Tavern:** Dating from circa 1800, the 2 story log and frame building sheathed in german siding is 6 bays wide and rests on a concrete foundation. There is an off-center brick chimney on the gable roof of standing seam tin. The principal (west) elevation has 2/2 windows and two arts and crafts oak doors spaced next to the central window. All openings are segmentally arched. A 2 story shed-roofed porch predominates the facade with paired columns resting on stone piers. The east elevation also has assymetrical openings with mostly 2/2 windows with the same surrounds as the main facade. A 1 story, enclosed porch with a shed roof covers the elevation and is sheathed in clapboard. The south elevation has symmetrical placement of 2/2 segmentally arched windows and two attic vent windows. The north elevation is like the south except that there are only openings in the front half of the elevation. A door is located in the rear enclosed porch bay.

**Outbuildings:** Located several feet north of the house, the barn consists of a stone foundation and board and batten siding. The gable roof of corrugated tin is oriented on a north-south axis. The main opening is located on the west elevation into which the barn is banked. A shed-roofed chicken coop, located to the east of the tavern, is constructed of concrete block and vertical siding. Two other concrete block sheds are associated with the barn; both have shed roofs of corrugated tin.



### 8.1 Significance

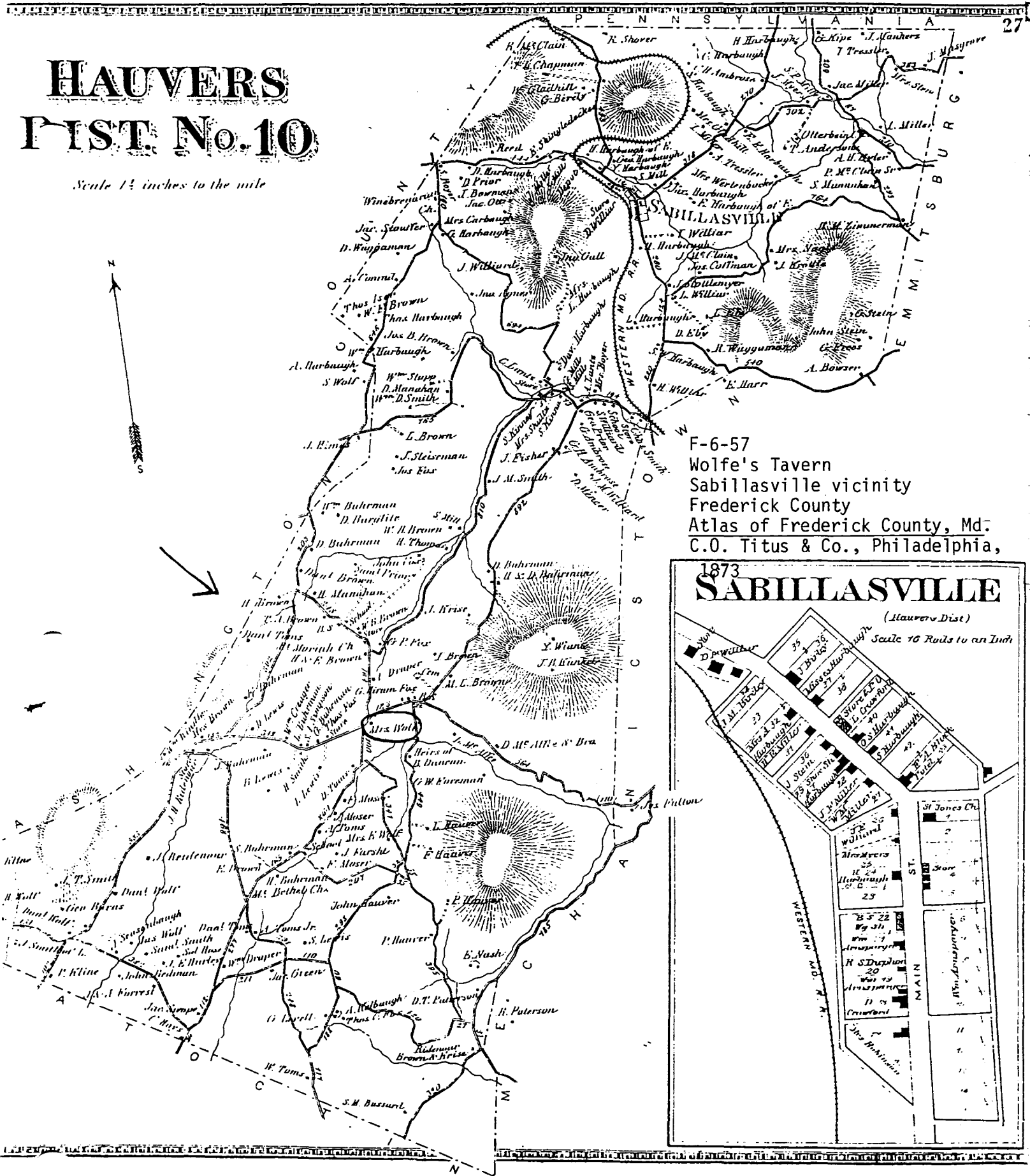
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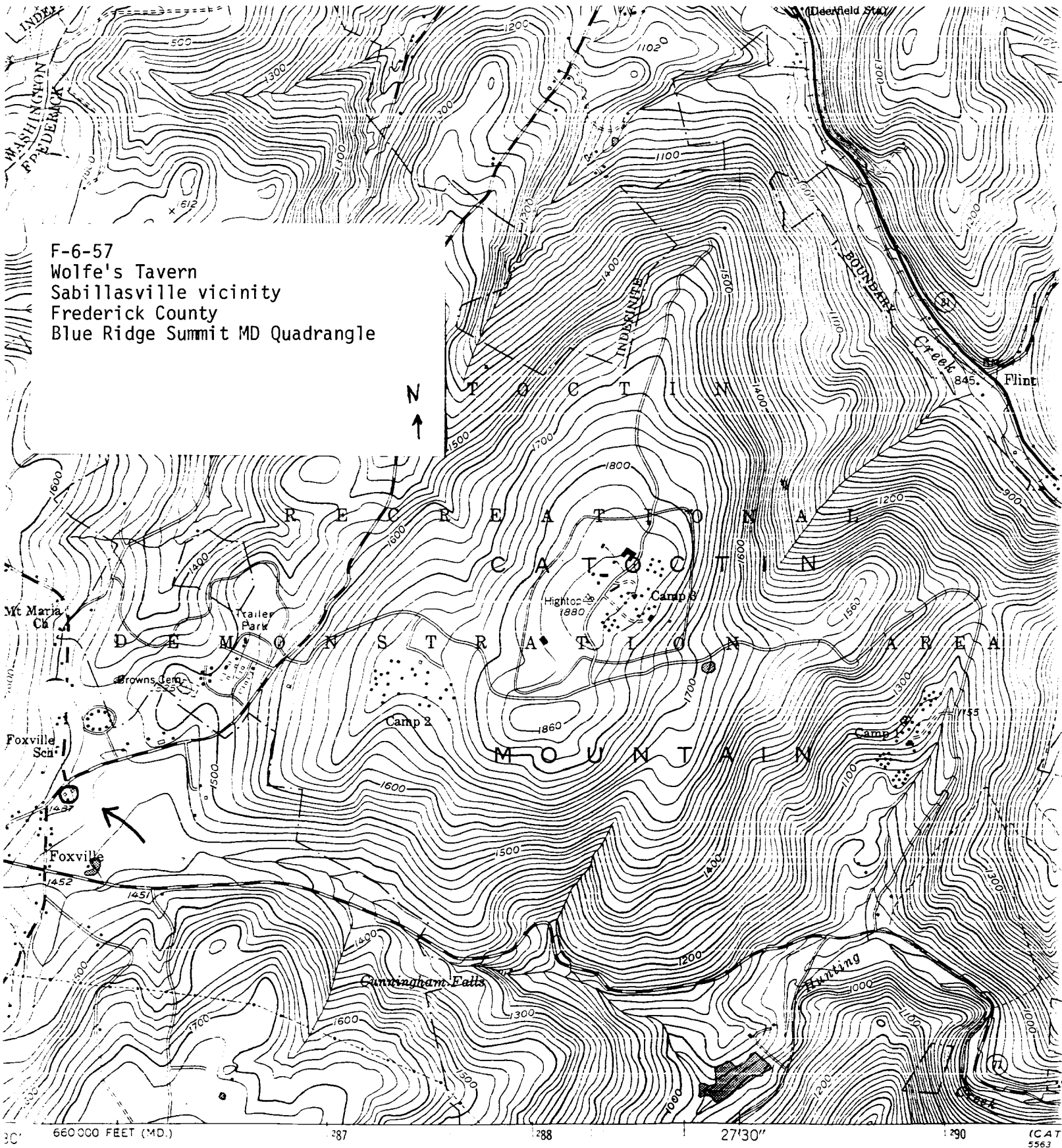
Wolfe's Tavern can be compared to other taverns in the surrounding region and in Frederick County. It has a long facade with a large number of bays (six) which appears typical in taverns. There are several other surviving taverns in the county including two in the Thurmont Election District (one on Catoctin Furnace Road and the other on Kelly's Store Road). Wolfe's Tavern has retained much of its historic fabric including german siding and segmental arch treatment above openings. It compares favorably with other resources of its type. Like most of the other buildings originally utilized as taverns, Wolfe's Tavern now serves as a residence.

According to an earlier survey form (Carlton Brown, 1969), the tavern was owned and operated by David Wolfe in the early 1800s. An order for the sign of the tavern dated the building by 1800. The tavern was ideally situated on the main route from Hagerstown to Emmitsburg. The building was still referred to as Wolfe's Tavern on the 1858 Bond Map; by 1873, it was owned by Mrs. Wolfe. In the late nineteenth century, the tavern had been converted into residential form by Thomas Cline Fox, an area resident.

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Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile



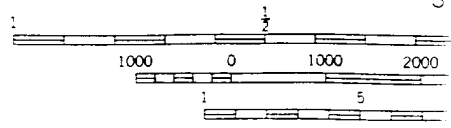
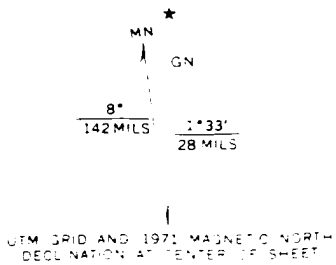


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 100-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system,  
 no Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone  
 600-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
 zone 18, shown in blue

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Marahan Road

Thurmont Vicinity

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Northwest corner view

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Fredenck County

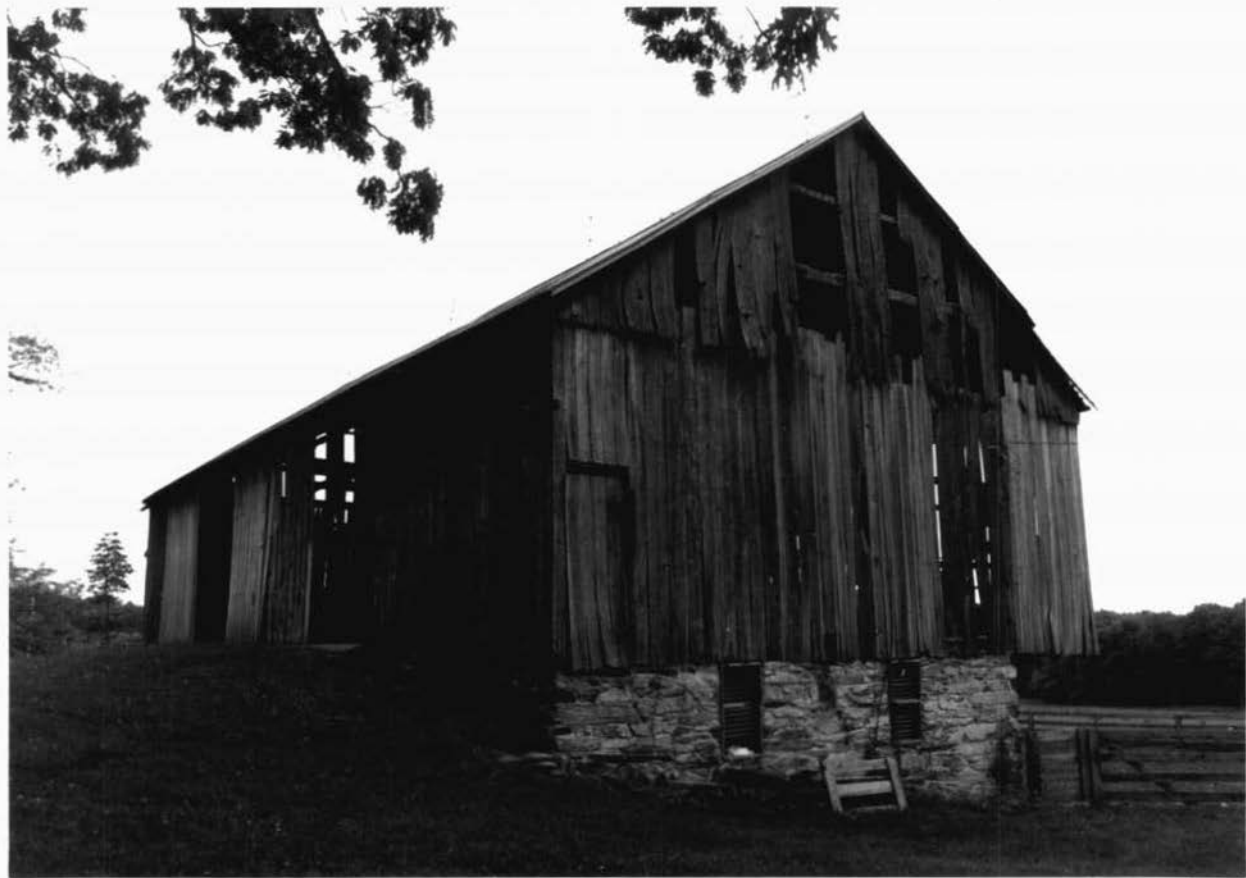
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East elevation

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